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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend this application as filed as follows.

Paragraph [0010]:

[0010] In an exemplary embodiment, the generic product finder system for managing and performing searches on configurable products in a J2EE application includes a manager component for performing searches in response to a search query; a product component for persisting a plurality of product information and interacting with the manger component in conducting searches of the product information, a product metadata component that interacts with the manager component for defining a product; and a search configuration component that interacts with the manager component for constructing a set of search rules in a product search configuration, wherein the set of search rules include weight values to apply to product information for ordering of partial matches in determining products to identify as a result of the search performed.

Paragraph [0011]:

[0011] In an exemplary embodiment, a method for managing and performing searches on configurable products in a J2EE application includes: (1) creating a manager component that conducts searches in a response to a search query; (2) generating a product metadata component that interacts with the product manager component to define a generic product specification; (3) persisting a plurality of product information that interacts with the manager component in conducting searches of the product information; and (4) generating a search configuration component that interacts with the manager component in conducting searches for product information that matches a criterion in the search query; constructing a set of search rules to use in searching the plurality of product information; and applying weight values to product information to order partial matches in determining products to identify as a result of the search performed.

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After paragraph [0011] introduce a new paragraph:

A computer program product for managing and performing searches on configurable products, the computer program product comprising:

a recording medium;

program instructions recorded on the recording medium for conducting searches in response to a search query;

program instructions recorded on the recording medium for defining a product specification;

program instructions recorded on the recording medium for persisting a plurality of product information and interacting with the program instructions for conducting searches for use in conducting searches of the product information for matching products;

program instructions recorded on the recording medium for generating a search configuration and interactive with the program instructions for conducting searches for product information that match a criterion in the search query;

program instructions recorded on the recording medium for defining a search configuration for each type of product; and

program instructions recorded on the recording medium for applying weight values to product information to order partial matches in determining products to identify as a result of the search performed.